

## SENATE BILL NO. 295

INTRODUCED BY GEBHARDT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING MAY 24 OF EACH YEAR AS AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY, A DAY OF OBSERVANCE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1868; and

WHEREAS, in 1901, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor's craftsmanship, enthusiasm, and quiet genius gained a place in aviation history when the Wright Brothers successfully flew their airplane, the Kitty Hawk, on December 17, 1903; and

WHEREAS, after this historic event, Charles Edward Taylor continued to design engines for the Wright Brothers and later taught them to build aircraft engines; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, Charles Edward Taylor accompanied Orville Wright to Fort Myer, Virginia, for test flights by the United States government and, in 1909, accompanied Wilbur Wright to New York for the Hudson-Fulton flights; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor served as lead mechanic for Calbraith Rodgers, who made the first transcontinental flight in 1911; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the Federal Aviation Administration with the establishment of the Charles Edward Taylor Master Mechanic Award, which recognizes individuals with 50 or more years of aviation maintenance experience; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor died in 1956; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the life of Charles Edward Taylor and the invaluable contributions Charles Edward Taylor made to aviation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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2        **NEW SECTION.** **Section 1. Aviation maintenance technician day of observance.** (1) To increase  
3 public awareness of the vital importance of aviation to the everyday life of Montana citizens and the contributions  
4 to aviation made by Charles Edward Taylor, May 24 of each year is designated as aviation maintenance  
5 technician day and an official day of observance. On this day, there may be special observances and exercises  
6 throughout the state to celebrate and emphasize the importance of aviation.

7        (2) The governor shall encourage the observances and exercises described in this section and, by  
8 proclamation, call the public's attention to the importance of aviation to the state.

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10       **NEW SECTION.** **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
11 integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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13       **NEW SECTION.** **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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